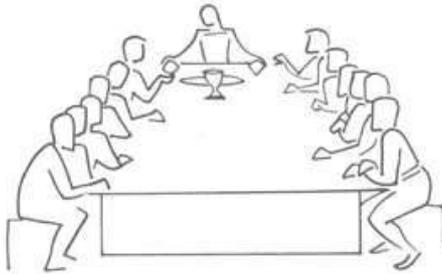


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"You can't control the past, but you can ruin a perfectly good present by worrying about the future. "

See Philippians 4:6-7

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CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

No of Communicants on Roll = 559

THE HOLY RITE OF MATRIMONY

"Whom God Hath Joined Together"

22nd April Stephanie Mathie and Stuart McKay

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

"Suffer the Little Children to Come Unto Me"

2nd April Harris Donald Calikes, East Kilbride

AT REST

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

4th April Mr Drew Stewart, Kilmorie Drive

6th April Mr Charlie Lawrie, Eaglesham

8th April Mr Hugh Robertson, Orchard Grove Care Home

16th April Ms Mary Stewart, Kingsacre Road

21st April Mrs Elaine Hay, Castlemilke Road

25th April Mrs Morag Davidson, King's Park Mews

Pondering our Mission Statement

Sharing God's Love . . .

- Incorporated in Community, Luke 18:31-19:10
- Palm Sunday - Cheering Stones, Luke 19: 29-44
- Easter Sunday - Talk about the Good News of Jesus Christ, Luke 24: 1-12, Matt 28: 16-20
- Companionship, Hospitality, Fellowship, Relations, Luke 24: 13-35

Please remember to inform the Church if you are changing your address. It's vital that our records are kept as up to date as possible. Thank you in advance.

FROM THE MANSE. . . Praying Stones

Holy Week and Easter this year focused on stones; Throwing Stones, Living Stones, Working Stones, placed in a tomb hewn from stone, and on Easter Sunday Morning the stone that was rolled away. Many people did wonder where this theme was



going but like Easter all was revealed. Everyone in church on Palm Sunday was given a stone for their pocket to remind them that we need to speak out for God. We are Jesus' disciples in the world today and unless we speak out the stones certainly won't do it for us. It's not always easy to get Jesus into a conversation and it can be a bit daunting as to how the other person will react if you do, but as Jesus reminds his disciples in Mathew 10:19-20, *"do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you."*

We initially don't have to tell someone everything we know about Jesus, but mentioning coming to church, inviting them to the coffee morning, Guild, KP Chicks, The Great Get Together (see later) may be a first step back or into church. Sometimes people just get out of the habit of coming to church and coming along with you may be an easier step than coming alone.

On Easter Sunday everyone was given another stone, this time to give away to someone, either as a starting point in a conversation or to remind us to pray for someone else, encouraging them in faith, asking the Holy Spirit to come into their lives anew, afresh this Easter time. It may help to come to our 10 minute Prayer Group every Sunday morning 10.30am in the lounge?

When I was in my first placement I knew that prayer was essential and so I decided that every pastoral visit I made I would offer to pray with the person I was visiting. I vividly remember five minutes before I was about to leave, my heart started racing and I started thinking about what I was going to say in the prayer. It was difficult at the start and I did make mistakes but the point was I did it and doing it again and again, it does get easier. I still make mistakes but people really appreciate someone praying for them. *When all is said and done, there is usually more said than done!* But that's ok if what is said is in prayer to God, through Jesus. We just need to trust God and he will guide us, our words and our actions following Jesus', and following him, how can we be wrong? God Bless You, Love, Sandra.

Editor's Extras

In May's issue of "Life and Work" the big question is "What do you like about Church?" All the interviewees, bar none, said it was the people they met. I must admit to feeling the same and indicated, through word and poem, the joy of doing things together. As we head into another summer break, although nothing ever stops completely, and organisations "close their shutters" it is now time for thanks - for the past year and also for the future. Thanks to all Leaders and helpers in all organisations, for everyone who comprises the "working stones" in this Church but particularly to Sandra and Raymond. I have tried to attend all the services during Holy week and almost made it except, while rolling eggs I also rolled to hospital. But the amount of work, practical, spiritual and physical Sandra and Raymond put in to making Holy week an event to remember was amazing. We are Blessed that they are here. Over the next few months there are Community events in addition to our "everyday" workload and Sandra is already looking to these enthusiastically. Be the people that folk think of when the big questions is asked. See you during summer.

WP

Prayer Focus

Dear Lord, we pray for all students and school children who are sitting exams this month as their future depends on their results. We wish them well and that their decisions for future education or employment will be fulfilled. For those looking for jobs, give them courage, hope and when they are unsuccessful we pray that you Lord will guide them to the path that you have chosen for them.



Lord, we give thanks to Lawson Boyd and the Property Team for all their hard work. The reception area is now at the heart of our hall complex, but the summer time is when work will be as busy as ever as they continue to maintain the Church buildings. Lord, we pray for the gardening and house keeping teams. We are very fortunate and give thanks to all the volunteers who help to keep things running smoothly. Hear our prayer Lord, *Amen*

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE
"We Give Thee But Thine Own"
FINANCE REPORT - 2016

		£
		<u>March</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Offerings		9,281
Last Year Offerings	9,692	
Difference +/--%	-4%	
YTD Difference +/--%	-4%	
Regular Monthly Income		2,356
Transfer from Deposit to Current Account		20,000
Hall Hire Income		560
Total Month's Income		<u>32,197</u> =====
 <u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Regularly Monthly Costs		9,539
One off Costs		700
Total Month's Costs		<u>10,239</u> =====
 Monthly Income vs (Costs)		 21,958

Comments

Transfer of £20,000 has been made from the Church's Deposit account to the Current Account to meet liquidity needs due to continuing trend of monthly expenditure exceeding income.

Roof fund donations received £222.

Income costs reduced this month as no payments due for Manse Council Tax or to Ministries and Mission.

DIET AND FITNESS CLASS - (ROSEMARY SEDGWICK)

There is a diet and fitness class in the Large Hall on a Tuesday morning 10am - 11.30am - cost £5.00 per class. No strict diet, just practical nutritional advice, optional weigh-in, fun workout and lots of motivation. Come along, this service is for you. Call Rosemary on 639 7477 or simply drop in.

PRAYER GROUP NEWS

The Sunday 10.30am prayer meeting in the lounge has encouraged a few new members. We thank you for continuing to add names to the list at the front door. There was an excellent seminar about listening to God speaking to us and I suggest we take a short while in silence to listen to God. We are still sending out prayer cards and if you want a card sent please tell Pat Smith or any member of the group. Thank you.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Our next Southside Churches Prayer Breakfast will be on Saturday 10th June, 8.30-10.00 at Croftfoot Parish Church, 318 Croftpark Avenue. We realise some of you may be on holiday or involved in other church activities but we do look forward to meeting up with old friends and new as we share breakfast and pray for our churches, city, land and world.

IMPORTANT - CHANGE OF DATES OF MAGAZINE

Due to holiday commitments, the July/August magazine will be published one week later than normal, Sunday 9th July, the September magazine will be published as normal, and the new October/November edition will be published one week later than normal, Sunday 8th October.



FLOWER FUND

Thanks are due to all who contribute to the flower fund, beautifying our worship week by week.

THE GUILD

Our AGM took place on Wednesday 22 March at 2pm. Our President, Margaret opened the meeting, and after a hymn, prayer and some intimations, she invited Raymond, our Pastoral Assistant to conduct the business part. Our Leprosy Mission Representative, Margaret Atkins, then gave an up-to-date report on the amount of money donated to TLMS by both Guild members and friends of the Guild. This year's total reached the amazing sum of £805. Margaret thanked everyone on behalf of TLMS and urged everyone to keep up the good work. Our Tea Convener, Millie, organised a special Tuesday Coffee Morning in aid of TLMS. This raised the sum of £105, which will give us a good start for the new session.

Our current session came to a close on Wednesday 29 March with our Daffodil Tea. The entertainment was "Acting Up", which is a Christian Puppet Show organised by Brian Doig. This was excellent, as always, and very much enjoyed by all who came along.

Our Annual half-day Bus Outing will take place on Wednesday 24 May. This year we will be going to Cardwell Bay, and further details will be given nearer the time.

Margaret, our President would like to thank the Guild Committee and our pianist, Helen, who stepped in in the middle of the session. She would also like to thank all the willing helpers who help to clear up after our special evenings, and the Guild members themselves for all their support throughout the session. It is all very much appreciated.

Our new session will begin on Wednesday 4 October 2017 at 2pm. Please enjoy your summer break and we will see you all again on that date.

E Gillespie - Secretary

MEN'S BOWLING

As this year's bowling season comes to an end we thank all the members and all who took part. Highlights of the season were two "Grannies" in April. Also congratulations to the team who were 10 shots down after 4 ends and won 14-10. Thanks to the coffee morning staff and all who donated cakes and biscuits, also to Michael and Lorraine for keeping the hall and carpets in good order. Thank you too to Sandra for her support.

The outdoor bowlers will be deserting the club, albeit for a short time, we do hope they have good weather. The club will be playing until the 31st of May inclusive. If anyone, ladies or gents, wish to come they will be made very welcome.

Bowls for May every Wednesday only - 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st.

Answers to last issue's quiz (all from Exodus)

1. Seventy (1:5)
2. Cities (1:11)
3. Pithom & Raamses (1:11)
4. Brick & Mortar (1:14)
5. In the fields (1:14)
6. Midwives (1:15)
7. Boys (1:16)
8. Families of their own (1:21)
9. The Nile (1:22)
10. Levi (2:1)

WORLD MISSION - STAMP APPEAL

The Giffen Institute of Theology of the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan needs books. GIT was established in 1974 and plays a significant role in training people for the Ministry. During recent violence, resources including books were lost or destroyed. The 2017 stamp appeal will help restock the library. Post your used stamps in the foyer of halls, where you will also find a copy of the World Mission Magazine.

Kirk Session

Apart from the routine business, the allocation of halls and potential meetings of interest to Elders, the following were the points of interest.

- The Church would donate flowers once or twice a month to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital
- Raymond will continue as Presbytery Elder for one more year
- It was agreed to reduce the number of Elders required and the elements prepared and to close the Transept for Communion services from June onwards.
- It was agreed that King's View would be produced every two months in future (seven issues in 2017-18 and six from 2018-19 onwards).
- Community - A great get together (picnic) to commemorate Jo Cox and her legacy will be held on 18th June. The Community Festival will take place on 24th July.

Congregational Board

The Finance Report is shown elsewhere in this issue. On the property front, action is moving apace on upgrading toilet facilities. New carpeting will be fitted in the Pulpit and the lamps at the front gate will be repaired. Roof repairs are underway and thanks were given for paint received. Keep it coming! The garden at the side of the Church is taking shape, go and look!

Easter Thanks...

On behalf of the church I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who took part in making Easter 2017 very special. It was great to have ALL our lovely Easter Cards delivered, reaching out to everyone in our Parish with God's love and lovely cross and flowers in church. During Holy Week we started with a wonderful Palm Sunday Service – Hallelujah! What a Saviour! led by King's Park and Mure Memorial Church Choir. We travelled on Monday with the Big Breakfast Throwing Stones, The Cornerstone with King's Park Brass, Working Stones with Wilson Paterson. We then journey to Communion at Toryglen Parish Church and our Walk of Witness with the Local Churches Together. We went through Darkness on Good Friday and Emptiness with Messy Church and the Clincarthill Puppets. We had a rather wet early service in the park but our Breakfast warmed us up and a lovely Easter Sunday service, Rolling the Stone away. Thank you to everyone who lead and prepared and took part in worship and fellowship, and to all the unsung angels behind the scenes. Well done, good and faithful servants, Love, Sandra x

Thanks . . .

Thank you to all of you who bought cards during the Easter period. You raised £350, well done. The roof fund will benefit from your generosity. God Bless you all, *Gaera Taylor*

I would like to thank Raymond for the lovely service at the Linn Crematorium on the sad loss of my brother. Thanks also to Jonathan for playing the organ during the service. Special thanks to all my friends in the congregation for their kind words, cards and flowers, it's very much appreciated.

Millie & family

I would like to say thank you to Sandra and the congregation for my beautiful flowers, delivered by Carol. They were very much appreciated. Thank you all.

Helen Watson

I would like to thank all those who helped me in the park, and visited me later and called to wish me well after my brief sojourn to hospital. It's nice to receive, not only their thoughtfulness, but also their advice. Thanks a million.

WP

I would like to express my thanks, first of all to the Ladies of the Guild for their lovely cards and Get Well wishes during my recent stay in hospital, due to a fall at home. Many thanks also to Raymond, the Prayer Group and to everyone who sent cards, gifts and good wishes. Finally, a big "Thank you" to my friends Margaret McCulloch and Margaret Atkins, who played a major part in my "rescue" after the fall. Wishing you all every blessing.

Elizabeth Gillespie

A Question of Faith . . .

Ruth

1. During the time of Ruth, who was ruling?
2. Naomi and her husband were originally from which city?
3. To what country did Naomi, her husband and her two sons move?
4. What crisis caused the family to move to Moab?
5. Who was Naomi's husband?
6. Who were Naomi's sons?
7. Who were Naomi's daughter-in-laws?
8. What nation was Ruth from?
9. What happened to all the men in Naomi's family?
10. What city did Naomi want to move back to?
11. When Naomi returned to her hometown what name did she want to be called?

Answers in next issue.

Social and Fundraising News

Our bi-annual textile collection will start on Sunday 7th May until Friday 12th May inclusive. All textiles, except duvets and pillows will be gratefully received. We also accept shoes, bags and belts. Please place all textiles into bags and bring them down to the Church during this time. If you need bags collected, please contact me on 0141 647 4447 and we will arrange for them to be uplifted. Thanks in advance.

We are holding a Summer Strawberry Fayre on **Saturday 3rd June from 10am until 12noon**. There will be a card stall, the craft café will have a stall as well as candles and plants. All proceeds will go to the Church Roof funds and we really hope that you come out and support us.

See you all there,

Lynda Young, on behalf of the Social & Fundraising Committee

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - MAY/JUNE

Mon 1 st	7pm God Tock
Tues 2 nd	7pm KP chicks Partylite Evening
Sat 6th	10am-12noon King's Park Art Club Exhibition, donations to Erskine Hospital
	4-6pm Messy Church
Sun 7th	11am Morning Worship, including Blessing, Start of Textile Collection until Friday 12th
Mon 8th	7pm God Tock
Sun 14th	11am Morning Worship, start of Christian Aid Week 6.30pm Evening Worship
Mon 15th	7pm God Tock
Tue 2 16 th	2pm Mews Service
Wed 17th	7pm Kirk Session followed 8.15pm Congregational Board
Sun 21st	9.45am Early Morning Worship 11am Morning Worship – Celebration of Youth service
Mon 22nd	7pm God Tock
Frid 26 th	10.30am D-Café
Sun 28th	9.45am Early Morning Worship 11am Morning Worship
Mon 29th	7pm God Tock
<u>JUNE</u>	
Sat 3rd	10am—12noon Strawberry Fayre
Sat 3rd	4pm-6pm Messy Church
Sun 4th	11am Morning Worship, start of All Age Summer Sunday School
Mon 5th	7pm God Tock
Tues 6 th	7pm KP Chicks Pot Luck Supper
Sun 11th	11am Morning Worship including the Sacrament of Holy Communion. 6.30pm Evening Worship including the Sacrament of Holy Communion
Mon 12th	7pm God Tock
Sun 18th	9.45am Early Morning Worship 11am Morning Worship 12.30-2.30pm Great Get Together Community Event remembering Jo Cox
Mon 19th	7pm God Tock
Tues 20 th	2pm Mews Service including Communion
Wed 21st	Kirk Session Social, time TBC
Sun 25th	9.45am Early Morning Worship 11am Morning Worship
Mon 26th	7pm God Tock

CHRISTIAN AID – ERSKINE BRIDGE SPONSORED WALK Saturday 6 May 2017 2pm – 5pm

For the 30th year we take to the Erskine Bridge to walk in support of people living in poverty.

This year, if you so wish, the walk can take in the “Boden Boo” forestry walk on the south side of the river.

Also, to celebrate 30 fantastic years of the event, we’re throwing a party, so come along from 1.30pm to enjoy music, games, cake and more, before setting off over the bridge at 2pm. Last year’s walk was really worthwhile with the KP participants (all five of them) raising over £1000! Can we do better in 2017?

Come and join the KP team for a fun time – it’s a great afternoon out for all ages and the weather always seems to be kind. Transport to Old Kilpatrick (the starting point) is available, so don’t let that put you off.

Please let Alan Pratt know, as soon as possible, if you would like to take part – call 07776 328914



King’s Park Community Council in conjunction with King’s Park Church will be hosting **The Great Get Together** on **Sunday 18th June 12.30-2-30pm** approx. There will be a Fire Engine, Community Singing and much more fun. Just turn up with your picnic and enjoy the Community Get Together. For more information see www.kingsparkcc.org

SUMMER CHOIR

We will again be having a Summer Choir this year. So if you fancy trying out for the Choir then please come along from Sunday 4th June at 10.30am in the Lesser Hall. We look forward to seeing some new faces then.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2017 - 14 - 20 MAY

During Christian Aid Week 2016 in King's Park, the house to house collection, which is the mainstay of our CAW, saw a return of just over £2400 - slightly less than in 2015 and still way down on the "good old days" It would be great to get up to £3000 again, wouldn't it? A real challenge! Since 2005 our collection area has included over 2800 houses. To visit every house we need over 60 collectors; Last year we only had 18, which, for a church this size, with such a committed membership, was pretty disappointing To offer the people of our parish the opportunity to give, we need to provide as many of them as possible with Christian Aid envelopes..... and to do that we need collectors!

If you've never been a Christian Aid Collector before, why not give it a try this year and be part of Christian Aid Week – seven amazing days of fund-raising, prayer and action against global poverty!

If you have been a collector in the past – a big thank you..... and a plea for you to please help again.

Please put your name on the list at the church doors or call Alan Pratt (07776 328914) to find out what's involved in being a collector.

KING'S PARK BRASS - Spring update

The band's annual Summer Concert will take place, in the church, on Tuesday 20th June at 7.30pm. The Senior Band's programme will include some traditional brass band music in the form of a march and hymn, a short sixties set from the Beatles, and some modern Scottish dances from local composer Alan Fernie. The Youth Band will also take part, featuring a varied selection from their repertoire.

Entry is £5 (children £1). We look forward to seeing you there



Every Blessing to two of our youth leaders, Stephanie Mathie and Stuart McKay on your beautiful wedding, on 22nd April, we hope you had a wonderful day and felt God's love shining around you. The children that you support and encourage every week were very excited to support you on your special day.
May God Bless you both.